

## **Rod Fredericks**

### **Division 2 Candidate**



Rodney (Rod) Fredericks- For six years (2011 to 2017) I was honored to serve as the director of Division 2 (Bayou Division). With the retirement of Ken Mason as Division 2 Director I am actively seeking once again your support to be the Bayou Division Director. During my past tenures as director I was active in Division 2 events, visiting many of the clubs and home layouts in the area and working with the LSR Board in making model railroading better. To this end, working with past directors, area clubs and model railroaders we were able for the first time to organize area wide activities in the observance of Model Railroad Month. This included operating sessions, and open houses at several clubs and a number of home layouts.

On a personal note, I am a retired research associate with a 41 year career in oceanographic research with the Coastal Studies Institute at LSU. I was a model railroader in childhood, and have perused the hobby ever since. Presently I am building an HO/HOn3 Layout in a 12' x 30' room. For the past 16 years I have been an active member of the Mid-South Model Railroad Club (MSMRRC) in Baton Rouge, and its past president. I regularly attend the LSR conventions and participate in the model contests, both as a contestant and judge. I have also traveled to many layouts in the region and outside the region to operate, as well as helped host visitor operating sessions at the MSMRRC. I started a local clinic series here in Baton Rouge on model railroading and the various skills associated with the hobby. These clinics were open to the general public in hopes of bringing new persons into our hobby and hopefully getting new LSR/NMRA members.

Additionally, during my daughter's teen years and a number of years thereafter (1984-2001) I was actively involved with soap box derby racing where I was elected as a board member and three times president of the National Derby Rallies, Inc. This is a national youth organization which sanctions local gravity powered rallies all over the US and holds annual national championships. I believe that the experience and knowledge I gained working with, and promoting this organization will continue to help me be an asset to the LSR and our local region.